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FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1777

INFO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

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SUBJECT: OAS OBSERVERS BEGIN TO ARRIVE

REF: STATE 190434

1. OAS TWO PERSON ADVANCE TEAM ARRIVED SAN SALVADOR OVER
WZRKEND AND ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY MORNING
OF AUGUST 2. DR. DONALD, HEAD OF PARTY, DESCRIBES HIS
MISSION TO ADMINISTRATIVELY PREPARE GROUND FOR LATER
ARRIVAL OF OBSERVERS. HE INFORMED US THAT ARGENTINE
COMMANDER OF OBSERVER TEAM, ARGENTINE GENERAL LUIS MARIA MIRO,
IS DUE TO ARRIVE AT 1710 HOURS TODAY, AUGUST 2 ON PAN AM
FLIGHT 503. DONALD ASKED ABOUT C-47 AIR ATTACHE AIRCRAFT
(WHICH HE RECALLED HAD BEEN MADE AVAILABLE IN 1969) AND
WAS TOLDLO US MILITARY AIRCRAFT ARE NOW LOCATED IN EL SALVADOR.
ASKED ALSO FOR BRIEFING MATERIAL AND WAS OFFERED ORAL BRIEFING BY
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EMBASSY SINCE ANY WRITTEN MATERIAL WAS CLASSIFIED, BUT IT WAS

SUGGESTED SALVADORAN MILITARY COULD PROVIDE ALL
AVAILABLE INFORMATION.

2. GOES MILITARY TOLD DATT AND MILGP COMDR. THAT RADIO NGM-
MUNICATION BY BACK-PACK UNITS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED
WITH HONDURANS AT THREE POINTS ALONG THE FRONTIER WITH AN/PRC 77
RADIOS, AND AT ADDITIONAL TWO POINTS HAVE BEEN UNABLE
TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION.

3. ACCORDING TO AGREEMENT REACHED IN GUATEMALA LAST FRIDAY,
GUAOPMALAN AND NICARAGUAN MILITAGMOATTACHES HERE WENT TO
BORDER AREA OVER
WEEKEND AND COSTA RICAN PUBLIC
SECURITY OFFICER WENT TODAY.

4. DATT WAS ALSO TOLD OF SEVERAL SHOOTING "INCIDENTS"
AT THE BORDER DURING EE JULY 29-30 PERIOD. ACCORDING TO
HIS GOES SOURCSH, THE FIRST INVOLVED A HONDURAN UNIT
WITH A QUICK TEMPERED LIEUTENANT IN COMMAND. INTERNAL
SQUABBLING WITHIN THE UNIT SAW ONE HONDURAN SOLDIER SHOOT
AND KILL ANOTHER, AND THE ENRAGED LIEUTENANT KILLING THE
MURDERER. AT ALMOST THE SAME TIME, ACCORDING TO THESE
SOURCES, A SALVADORAN SOLDIER ACCIDENTALLY DISCHARGED
SEVERAL ROUIS AND SHOT HIMSELF WHILE CLEANING HIS AUTOMATIC
WEAPON. DATT ALSO WAS SHOWN A COPY OF MESSAGE SENT FROM
ZAZALAPJ OREA BY COL. BUCARO, GUATEMALAN ATTACHE, NOW
ACTING AS TEMPORARY BORDER OBSERVER, WHO REPORTED THAT
FIRE HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE HONDURAN SIDE ON AUGUST.

5. FYI. AUGUST 3 (TUESDAY), 5 (THURSDAY) AND 6 (FRIDAY)
ARE LOCAL HOLIDAYS AND THE EMBASSY WILL BE CLOSED FOR
NORMAL BUSINESS. ALL MESSAGES MEANT TO REACH ACTION
OFFICERS DURING THIS PERIOD MUST BE GIVEN A NIACT IMMEDIATE
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